

December 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 8:10 pm EST

Attendance:

President: Al Govednik, Vice President: Lyle Roetemeyer **absent**, Secretary: Michelle Testa

Treasurer: Chantal Young **absent**, Executive Delegates: Bill Bimrose **absent**, Vera Reeves, Dyan Harper

Member Clubs & Delegates in attendance

United States Boxer Association- Mark Chase

United Doberman Club - Wendy Schmidt, May Jacobson

Working Riesenschнауzer Federation – Tim Nyx

United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Jim Alloway, Frank Phillips

North American Working Bouvier Association – Carol Walker,

American Working Malinois Association – Anne Camper, Christopher Smith

Federation American Bulldog - Paige Shriver

United States Mondioring Association – Augusta Farley

Working Dutch Shepherd Association - Cheryl Weaver

LV/DVG America – Ray Reid

Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America – Patty Bartley,

Absent from the call

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America

United States Rottweiler Club

North American Ring Association

The Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano (guest)

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President report- Al Govednik

Frans Jansen has confirmed that the FCI is looking to 1 score book per country as the goal

A committee has been developed to find a better option for our scorebook situation

Michelle Testa will chair the committee.

Championship site nothing as of yet

New policy for the championship has been developed but needs to be reworked. It should be able to be implemented for 2014

Lyle R. mentioned an interest in hosting the 2013 event but no documentation has been received.

An easy access location for the event is preferable

Thanks UScA and AWMA for professionalism and quick resolution with regards to a previously disciplined member.

Dog bite incident that had occurred in UScA has been sent out to the delegates

Al Govednik AWDF pres., Frank Phillips UScA VP and Cynthia Zimmerman AWMA DOJ will be heading to the FCI meeting the 3rd week in January.

Anne Camper thanked the AWDF and UScA for getting the AWMA DOJ on board to attend the FCI meeting.

Vice president Report – No report

Secretary report – August 26, 2012- Meeting minutes

The Secretary asked if there were any questions in regards to the August meeting minutes.

Dyan Harper made a motion to accept the August 26, 2012 meeting minutes into record

May Jacobson seconded the motion.

There was no opposition to the motion and the motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes for August 26, 2012 into record.

The Secretary asked for the following information:

- >2013 AWDF member club championship info for the website
- >Updated delegate information for records and website
- >List of approved Judges for the website
- >All clubs must submit copies of their judges programs

Treasurer report – Budget

Chantal was absent from the call but provided the following information attachments via email to the Executive Board and Delegates

Current amount in bank \$10,820.92

>An income and expense report from the Treasurer for June 1, 2012, thru December 7, 2012

>A DRAFT budget for 2013

Copies of the following were sent to the Secretary

- >Articles of incorporation
- >Certificate of good standing of the State of New York
- >Confirmation of non-profit status from the IRS
- >Certificate of Qualification of the State of California

The 2013 draft budget sent in by Chantal was not reviewed or voted on

2012 Membership dues –

There were quite a few 2012 dues checks that were never deposited into the AWDF bank account.

The approximate amount may be in excess of \$1500.

Affected clubs have been notified of the situation.

A number of delegates were concerned with the added expense for stopping payment of their dues checks. The cost can be anywhere from \$30 – \$50 for stop payments

For many clubs this affected reconciliation of their financial record for the year 2012.

Clubs in this situation for documentation purpose will be re-issuing the 2012 dues check and also sending in dues for 2013

Membership dues are due by March 1, 2013

Old Business

Committee for review of accounting from 2009- 2012

The Treasurer has completed documentation for the years 2011 and 2012. Both years are in order. Bill Bimrose and Christopher Smith are still responsible for 2009 and 2010 and are not yet completed.

Submitted Protocol for championship –

Reviewed and no feedback given on the document. No vote taken.

Al feels we need to have something in place that is structured.

It is a very restricted document – no real incentive for a hosting club

Dyan and Michelle will work on a modified agreement.

2013 AWDF Championship

One club from Florida sent in a bid but after review of the protocol it would be difficult for them to host the event. Dates were also a concern.

Other clubs in the mid part of the country were asked but declined.

Concern with being too close to large IPO events such as FMBB, WDC and WUSV qualifier

Getting separation of approximately 2-3 weeks either pre or post these large events was requested by AWMA Anne Camper and UScA Frank Phillips

Dates were discussed in March, April and May (northern states would not have tracking in the earlier months)

WDC 4/19 – 4/21 UDC Nat.is in April, DVG BSP is 1st weekend in May, FMBB 4/30 – 5/5, WUSV Qualification 6/1- 6/2

Anne Camper asked that we work to alternate the conflicts as we can't obviously avoid every single club's national event.

The third weekend in May splits the difference or Memorial Day Weekend

April contains too many events

An event host is still uncertain.

AI asks the larger club to send in the 2014 event listings to the AWDF Secretary to create a calendar to help with scheduling the AWDF event.

The Secretary did mention that the date for AWDF's 2012 Championship had to be changed to accommodate the UScA Working Dog Championship.

AWDF constitution and by-laws correction

From the year 2008 to the last recent change in the AWDF Constitution & By-law there was an accidental omission of the following to be found in Article III Membership in the Association - section A :
"One club based in the United States representing one working breed."

The Secretary has made the update to fix the error and will ask for confirmation of the change to be sure it is correct. A draft will be sent to the executive board & delegates.

American Herding Breed Association – update

Nothing as of yet.

Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano – update

According to our records a motion was passed at the 2011 annual meeting that the Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano Club could remain in guest status provided they present a delegate at the 2012 annual meeting. The S.A.C.C.I. failed to attend the 2012 meeting.

This confirms that they have forfeited their guest member status.

A letter needs to be sent to notify them that they have not met the requirement and that we will be removing them as a guest member.

The AWDF Secretary will draft the letter and send it out.

New Business

AI states that a new Cane Corso group has submitted a membership application to the AWDF Secretary. We will ask them to attend our next conference call.

Score book committee

It has been asked that we put together a standardized score book for our country; to work on adapting a program to meet everyone's needs that is thinking that has the primary focus on handlers and their dogs.

AI said he would respond to questions about the current situation regarding score books.

Ray Reid asks for a brief clarification in regards to the AWDF score books.

Is it one score book for every club in the United States or is it one score book per handler?

Al stated that before LV/DVG Amer. came on board the AWDF put together a universal score book for the Federation. The book would be a record of all the sports under the Federation ie: IPO, Mondio etc. When LV/DVG Amer. joined it was agreed to accept the DVG score book as DVG was a club whose organization is based in Germany and not an organization based in the United States.

It became complicated having multiple books signed and people have been caught cheating by not submitting all score books for that specific dog. This is now complicated because the FCI rules require one scorebook per dog per trial. However, there was discussion about whether or not this is true and information will be obtained at the upcoming FCI judges meeting.

There was much discussion on the topic.

The Secretary reminded the call attendees about the policy passed in 2009. . (scorebook issued by the breed club for that breed of dog, otherwise dog listed as a mix unless there is no breed club representing the breed of the dog).

Tim Nyx - WRSF asked what the correct reason was for the score book

- 1) Was the score book developed for those clubs who couldn't afford scorebooks?
- 2) Was it to only have one score book?

Al responded that it was for both.

There has to be a clear and simple message for everyone to follow.

The Committee will work on a resolution.

The AWDF President made the appointment of the Committee and Chairperson

The committee will be chaired by the AWDF Secretary – Michelle Testa

The following people volunteered and were selected to be on the committee:

Wendy Schmitt - UDC, Paige Shriver - FEDAB, Carol Walker - NAWBA, Anne Camper - AWMA, Frank Phillips - UScA, Jim Alloway - UScA, Ray Reid - LV/DVG Amer. (until Carole Patterson is back), Dyan Harper - LV/DVG Amer., and Lisa Geller – USMRA

Carol Walker made the motion to adjourn the meeting

Dyan Harper seconded the motion

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned 10:35 EST